

Stewart, Wm Rhineland

[31 Nassau St, NYC], 1914-1929

January 27th, 1914,

Mr. William Rhinelanders Stewart,
31 Nassau Street,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

I take great pleasure in informing you that in accordance with Chapter III, Section 4, of the Society's By-Laws, which reads as follows:-
"Any Member of the Society who has, for a period of twenty consecutive years, regularly paid all dues, * * * * may, by resolution of the Council, be relieved from further dues.", the Council has elected you a Life Member exempt from all further dues.

Trusting that this will be agreeable to you, I am,
Very truly yours,

Secretary.

31 NASSAU STREET,

NEW YORK. January 28, 1914.

Bauman L. Belden, Esq.,
Secretary The American
Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156 th St., City.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to express my gratification at the information received in your letter of yesterday's date that by resolution of the Council of the American Numismatic Society I have been elected a life member and exempted from further dues.

Please express my thanks and appreciation to the Council.

Very truly Yours,

Mr R Stewart

W. R. STEWART DIES; A PHILANTHROPIST

Was Head of State Board of
Charities for 25 Years
and Member for 47.

CAME OF NOTED FAMILIES

One of His Children Is Princess
de Braganza—Abandoned Law
to Manage Estates.

William Rhinelanders Stewart, philanthropist, bank director, executor or trustee of large estates, who was president of the State Board of Charities for twenty-five years, retiring last April after forty-seven years of membership, died last night of heart disease in his seventy-eighth year at his residence, 701 Park Avenue. He left two children, William R. Jr. and the Princess Miguel de Braganza, who in 1909 married the eldest son of Duke Michael, pretender to the throne of Portugal.

One of the most distinguished representatives of New York's old families, Mr. Stewart gave a long lifetime to honorable public service. He was a descendant of the Huguenot family of Lisenard that migrated to this country after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, and of the Robert Stewart who settled in this city before the Revolution. In the charter of Trinity Church granted by William III in 1693 appears the name of David Lisenard. In the eighteenth century Leonard Lisenard, by his marriage to a daughter of Anthony Rutgers, acquired an extensive property on the west side of the city long known as the Lisenard estate.

Like Governor Roosevelt.

Mr. Stewart was a son of Alexander L. Stewart and his second wife, a daughter of William Christopher Rhinelander. He was born in New York on Dec. 3, 1852. He was educated by tutors and at the Charlier and Anthon schools before entering the Columbia Law School, from which he was graduated in 1873. After several years of practice he abandoned the legal profession to devote himself to the management of estates and to various large charitable enterprises. During his presidency of the State Board of Charities his duties occupied one-half of his time. On his retirement from the board last April Governor Roosevelt wrote: "Your record is unique in the annals of the State's history, both in length of time and in the variety and scope of your activities."

Washington Arch His Idea.

Mr. Stewart joined Company K of the Seventh Regiment in 1871 and served for eight years. For the centennial of Washington's inauguration in 1889 he originated the idea of the Washington Arch, assumed the treasurership of the committee that carried the project through, and at the ceremonies in 1895 formally presented the arch to Mayor Strong.

From 1893 to 1913 Mr. Stewart was treasurer and junior warden of Grace Church. In 1898 he was elected president of the Twenty-fifth National Conference of Charities and Corrections in New York, and received from the Committee of One Hundred the only copy in gold of the medal struck by the American Numismatic Society. In 1900 he organized the State Conference of Charities and Corrections, of which he held the presidency in 1903. He had been president of the Rhinelander Real Estate Company since 1908, a trustee of the Greenwich Savings Bank since 1893 and a director of the Corn Exchange Bank since 1897.

His clubs included the Century, Metropolitan, Union, Church, Downtown, New York Yacht and Tuxedo. He belonged to the Pilgrims and the St. Nicholas Society.

In 1879 Mr. Stewart married Annie M. Armstrong, daughter of John A. Armstrong of Baltimore, who became the mother of the surviving children. She divorced Mr. Stewart in South Dakota and married James Henry (Silent) Smith, who died in 1907, leaving his widow a large fortune. Mrs. Smith then married Jean H. De St. Cyr, some years her junior. On her death in California in 1925 the children of her first marriage and her husband shared most of her estate, estimated to be worth \$40,000,000.